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The Honorable Christian A. Herter  
Secretary of State  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Chris:

It is about fifty years ago since we first met. Your friendship and our work together over these years from the days of Berlin and Vienna, Bern and Paris, to the last four years in Washington have meant a great deal to me.

Few letters I have ever received have touched me as much as yours of yesterday. It is more than generous, particularly as I realize that some of the experiences we have shared recently which were trying and difficult, were particularly in my own field of work. You always were ready yourself to go more than half way in accepting the load of responsibility.

To those of us who know the facts, your record of solid accomplishment as Secretary of State will rank as outstanding. I only hope that those who follow you will hold the line as you have done.

As long as I stay on here I hope that you will let me consult with you from time to time to get the benefit of your wise counsel.

Clover and I hope that you and Mac will be here in Washington most of the time so that not only our friendship, but our association, can carry on as over the past few years.

As ever,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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